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n.

A skilled worker who makes, finishes, and repairs wooden objects and structures.

v. **car·pen·tered, car·pen·ter·ing, car·pen·ters**

v.tr.

To make, finish, or repair (wooden structures).

v.intr.

To work as a carpenter.

[Middle English, from Anglo-Norman, from Latin *carpentārius* (*artifex*), (maker) of a carriage, from *carpentum*, a two-wheeled carriage, of Celtic origin; see **kers-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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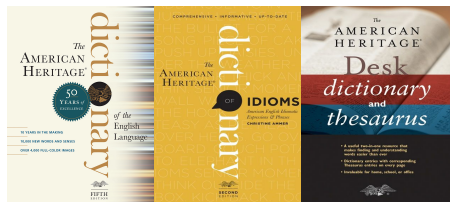
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